

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising a dunnage supply having a converter that is operable to convert a sheet stock material into a strip of relatively thicker and less dense dunnage having at least two layers that are fixed in an overlapping relationship, the dunnage supply having an outlet through which one or more of the strips of dunnage are supplied, a positioning device downstream of the outlet that positions in juxtaposition portions of the one or more strips of dunnage, and a stapler adjacent the positioning device for connecting the juxtaposed portions to hold them together.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

3. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the positioning device juxtaposes longitudinally spaced portions of the same strip of dunnage.

4. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the positioning device includes a coiler operable to roll the strip of dunnage into a coil, and the stapler is operable to connect a trailing end portion of the strip of dunnage to an adjacent, next-innermost portion of the strip in the coil.

5. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the stapler is operable to insert at least one staple into the juxtaposed portions.

6. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 5, wherein the stapler is of a type that inserts a plastic staple.

7. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the stapler is configured for injecting a plastic staple having a cross-bar at one end through the strip of dunnage, the staple having a paddle at the opposite end for resisting passage through the strip of dunnage and an elongated filament interconnecting the cross-bar and the paddle.

8. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the stapler is operable to form a staple from at least one of the juxtaposed portions and to insert the staple into

another of the juxtaposed portions to mechanically lock together the juxtaposed portions.

9. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 8, wherein the stapler is operable to form a tab in the strip of dunnage and to push the tab into the strip.

Claims 10-22 (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) A system as set forth in claim 9, wherein the tab has a c-shape with a hinge at one side and a width dimension parallel to the hinge that is greater than the width of the hinge.